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Summary: Morris one of only 31 institutions to achieve the STARS Gold Certification.

(April 23, 2012)-Morris is one of only 31 institutions to achieve an Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) gold certification.

STARS is a comprehensive sustainability survey that looks at efforts across campuses, including education and research, operations, planning, administration, and engagement.

This notable achievement for Morris was attained through the sustainable actions of the entire campus community, which includes recycling, incorporation of sustainability into majors, sustainability research by faculty, equity and diversity programs, investments, new building construction, sources for campus energy, and food sustainability.

“What I appreciate about our campus is that our students keep raising the bar and the larger campus community continues to ask what we can do better. I appreciate this sense of humility and concern that there are roads still left untraveled,” said Troy Goodnough, campus sustainability coordinator.

To view the information Morris submitted to STARS about the campus, visit the Morris section of the [STARS website](#).

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at morris.umn.edu or call 888-866-3382.